



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MUR 7135
Paul Manafort
Donald J. Trump for President, Inc.
and Bradley T. Crate in his official
as treasurer
Donald J. Trump

Dear Ms. Sowards Newton:

On September 21, 2016, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients, Paul Manafort, Donald J. Trump for President, Inc. and Bradley T. Crate in his official capacity as treasurer, and Donald J. Trump, of a complaint alleging that they had violated certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

On July 31, 2018, the Commission considered the complaint but was equally divided on whether to find reason to believe that Paul Manafort and Donald J. Trump for President, Inc. and Bradley T. Crate in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30125(e)(1)(A) and 11 C.F.R. § 300.61. The Commission was also equally divided on whether to take no action as to Donald J. Trump. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Disclosure of Certain Documents in Enforcement and Other Matters, 81 Fed. Reg. 50,702 (Aug. 2, 2016), effective September 1, 2016. A Statement of Reasons explaining the Commission's decision will follow.

If you have any questions, please contact Ray Wolcott, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1302.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Y. Tran".

Lynn Y. Tran
Assistant General Counsel